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# The British Apollo:

## OR,

## *Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.*

To which are Added the moſt

## Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

*Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.*

From **Monday** October 23d. to **Wedneſday** October 25th. 1710.

APOLLO,

Q. I *Deſire a ſhort Account of the Worſhip of the* Muſcovite's *as it is at Preſent,*

*Yours,* POLIDORE.

*A.* In moſt Things they agree with the *Greek* Church from which they firſt received their Religion, but they have indeed added to it a great many Ridiculous Ceremonies and Fooliſh Superſtitions of their own. Their Creed like that of the *Greeks* is the ſame with ours, excepting only their Ancient Error, concerning the Proceeding of the Holy Spirit from the Father alone. In other Points they ſeem to ſtand in ſome middle Terms of Opinion between Proteſtants and Papiſts. In Praying to Saints, auricular Confeſſion, offering of Sacrifice and Prayer for the Dead, and Worſhipping of Pictures (but not Images) they differ very little from the Church of *Rome*. But ſome ſay, they deny the Doctrine of Tranſubſtantiation, and Purgatory, Adminiſter the Sacrament in both Kinds to all above 7 Years of Age, and to Children under that Age they give it but in one Kind. The Invocation of Saints is a Principal Part of their Devotion, eſpecially of St. *Nicholas* and the Virgin *Mary*, to whom they render Divine Worſhip. They have no ſuch Thing as Sermons, but their Service conſiſts only in Reading of ſome *Pſalms* and *Chapters* of the *Bible*, with St. *Baſil*'s Lithurgy, St. *Athanaſius*'s Creed and ſome Homilies of St. *Chryſoſtom*, which they have Tranſlated into their own Language. Marriage is a neceſſary Qualification for all that take Orders amongſt them, but yet they Puniſh fourth Marriages with Death in all. They eſteem Baptiſm abſolutely neceſſary to Salvation, and in the Adminiſtring of it uſe a great Deal of Superſtition like the *Romaniſts*; as in Exorciſing the Child at the Church Door, which they think drives the Devil out of it; hanging a Croſs of Gold, Silver or Lead, about its Neck, which it muſt wear till Death; otherwiſe it cannot have *Chriſtian* Burial; aſſigning a Saint to it, which it muſt Reverence for its Patron; putting Salt into its Mouth; making the ſign of the Croſs on its Forehead, Hands, Breaſts and Back with Conſecrated Oyl; and dipping it three times in the Water.

Q. APOLLO, *What is the Reaſon of Winds, which continue a conſiderable time together in one Point of the Compaſs, and certain times in the Year, and where moſt frequent, and not in* England, *and you will Oblige,*

*Your Hearty Admirer,* L. T.

*A.* Theſe Winds are only in Places between or near the Tropicks, of which ſome are called general or Trade Winds, as blowing nearly from the ſame Point of the Compaſs all the Year round. Such a Wind their is in the *Atlantic* and *Æthiopic* Seas, and alſo in the *Pacific* Ocean, in which there is a Conſtant *Eaſterly* Wind without any conſiderable Variation. The ſame is alſo obſerved in the *Indian* Ocean, between the Lat. of 10 and 30 Deg. *South*, between *Madagaſcar* and *Hollandia Nova*. Moſt other Places of the *Indian* Ocean, eſpecially near the Equator are Subject to Periodical Wind or Monſoons, which for ſome Months blow conſtantly from the ſame Point of the Compaſs, and when theſe Ceaſe, contrary Winds begin, and laſt as long. Moſt of the Particulars of this Kind are well explained by Mr *Halley* in his Hiſtorical Account of Trade-Winds and Monſoons, as alſo the Phyſical Cauſe of them which we have formerly given an Account of, and therefore need not Repeat it here. But if we ſhou'd farther extend our Enquiry, into the *Phænomena* of Winds over the whole Globe, there is ſuch a variety in their Periods, Force and Direction cauſed by the Irregular Surface of the Terraqueous Globe, as the Situation of Mountains, Vallies and Woods, and the various

Nature of the Soil, more or leſs capable of retaining and reflecting Heat, and of exhaling and condenſing Vapors, that it wou'd be an endleſs Task, to apply the ſaid Phyſical Cauſe (though holding true in General) to all the Particularities that may fall under Conſideration.

Q. Gentlemen, *Sometime ago (no doubt but you have heard thereof) at the opening of a* Well *in* Holbourn, *which for ſome time had been covered up, A Youth ſtanding by and being Curious to Inſpect therein, at its firſt opening, the riſing Damps ſo Chill'd the Vital Spirits in his Brain, and ſo far Intoxicated his Senſes, that he fell down headlong therein. A Neighbouring* Tallow-Chandler's *Man ſeeing the Accident, and being willing to ſave the Lad put down a Ladder, and was Deſcending thereon, but the Damps in the ſame Nature operated on him in the ſame Fate. Now,* Gentlemen, *this being ſomething worthy your Advertency, and ſuitable to the Honor of your delightful Amuſements, and not finding it Anſwered in any of your Performances. I preſume to requeſt ſo far as to be informed, how ſuch Damps could be ſo ſtrictly Encloiſtered and Pent in, having Vent tho' the Pores of the Earth to Evaporate, and how could they affect ſo far on the Nature of Man, as to Work ſuch a Tragedy, and after what manner did it Inebriate the Animal Spirits. So* Gentlemen, *with Pardon, to this Preſumption, I am with all Submiſſion and Reſpect,*

*Yours,* M——. T——.

*A.* Damps are often cauſed by the meer Stagnation of the Air, even tho' there is nothing to hinder its Communication with that Air, which is freſh and liable to no Corruption. For in old Pits or Mines, in which there has been no Digging for a long Time, no Laving, Drawing or Pumping of Water, all which keep the Air in motion, Damps are moſt frequent and dangerous notwithſtanding that thoſe Pits were all the time kept open. It is not therefore the meer Impriſonment, but the want of Motion in the Air that is often the Cauſe of its Corruption. Air is like Water, which never Corrupts till it Stagnates, and it is then moſt generally that it becomes Poyſonous. Indeed the meer Corruption of the Simple Air may not perhaps be very dangerous; however during its Stagnation it is liable to be Impregnated with many Sulphureous, Arſenical, Nitrous, or other Mineral Steams, that may be Incident to the Place in which it is confined: And then no wonder that it affects the Animal Spirits in the ſame manner as Poyſonous Bodies themſelves wou'd do.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire your Opinion, whether you think it convenient for me to Converſe with Angels. You may think this Impoſture (but that is all one, if you do) which I am going to tell you, but I know why I ſay it, tho' I know not whom I ſay it to; for, for ought I know you may all be Angels, methinks the Sons of* APOLLO, *cannot be leſs; and ſo much for that. It happen'd lately that an Angel appear'd to me and proffer'd himſelf in ſuch ſort, as if he wanted to have me ſpake to him, but I wou'd not do it till I had firſt your Advice, ſo he vaniſh'd, only ſaying this, that he wou'd appear once more to me, to ſee if he ſhou'd find me Wiſer. Now, if you Judge it adviſeable, I will take acquaintance with him, my Chief deſign is, to Learn on a Moment's Warning, the Principal Affairs in* Europe, *particularly every ſtep taken in* Spain. Gentlemen, *I ſhall be very uneaſy till I hear your Judgment on the Caſe.*

*A.* If you know how to ſettle ſuch a Correſpondence, it may be of great Conſequence to you, not only for the Improving your Underſtanding, but alſo for giving you a Fore-knowledg of many Future Events, for doubtleſs from their long experience in comparing Cauſes with Effects, they may give very probable Gueſſes at many Things which ſhall happen. However, we can but little encourage you in your Undertaking, ſince if what you lay before us, be any Thing more than Effects of the Spleen, we can at moſt ſuppoſe your Apparition to be but an Evil Angel, who wou'd delude you by Fair ſhews of Services, into his Power. Nay cou'd we imagine it to be a Good Angel, can you be ſo vain as to Fancy ſuch a Glorious Being, wou'd be your Hackney, to run all the World over to fetch you Intelligence. Therefore if he appears again, you will approve your ſelf Wiſeſt, by appearing no Wiſer than you did before.

Q. Moſt Learned and Ingenious Gentlemen, *Your Civility in Anſwering me ſeveral Queſtions, has Encouraged me to Trouble you with theſe, deſiring an Anſwer if they deſerve it.*

*What is the meaning of pulling off the Brides Garters on the Wedding Day, and what was the Original of it?*

*Your Humble Servant,* S. M.

*A. Sagovius* (an Obſcure Author, whom we Quote, only becauſe we know none of better Authority that has Writ on that Subject) ſays, that a certain Poet, firſt gave the Hint, as a Proto-Type of the *Virgin Zone* to be looſen'd, immediately after.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your Opinion and Judgment whether of theſe two is the beſt Hand, that mark'd with* A, *or that with* B, *it being upon a Wager, will Oblige,*

*Your Servant and Subſcriber,* T. B.

*A.* We Judge that Mark'd, with B, to be the better Hand, the [illegible] being cleaner ſtruck, truer Cut, and more juſtly Proportion'd to each other, than the other Hand, tho' they both are well.

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# POEMS.

*YE Sparks, who beat your Brains for Anſwers,*
*To Queries all the World advance, Sirs,*
*Who formerly oblig'd the Town,*
*For Price of Punk, juſt Half a Crown,*
*But have of late, (becauſe you lack it)*
*To th' other Sice rais'd Quarter's Packet.*

*I rev'rently approach your Shrine,*
*(Which is ſome Garret I opine;*
*Whence to the gaping World below,*
*Your Wiſe Reſponſes come I trow)*
*And bring a Queſtion ſomewhat nice, Sirs,*
*Which, prithee, ſolve me in a trice, Sirs.*

*Han't you obſerv'd, pray tell me this,*
*Juſt after Landlord's Feaſt, I wis,*
*When your Ingenious* Britiſh-Club,
*With ready Caſh to Tavern rub,*

*In order to divide the Pelf,*
*That's due to each half famiſh'd Elf,*
*And to regale the craving Paunches,*
*Of Great* Apollo's *meagre Branches;*
*Han't you obſerv'd (almoſt expiring)*
*The ſmall Remains of former Firing,*
*Of Faggot bight, or of ſome ſuch Wood,*
*And when there was not very much Wood,*
*Heard Drawer cry*——— Sirs, here's a Widow.
—— *If* Delians *this you ever did, ho!*
*Shew then, and I'll extol your Fame,*
*Why th' Fuel bears the Widow's Name.*

*A.* Alas! Poor Wight, we know the Reaſon,
Thou thus againſt our *Sire* talk'ſt Treaſon;
Inſin'ating by ſly Device,
*Apollo* ſtands in need of Sice,
Becauſe thy whole Eſtate ſo ſmall is,
That Two and Six *per* Quart, thy All is;
Excepting Sice to purchaſe Belch,
And make thy Poetry talk *Welch*:
Well may'ſt thou thy Bull-Face put on,
On miſſing thus thy *Hellicon*.

Thou think'ſt our Shrine is *Garret* high,
'Cauſe thou doſt in a Cellar lie,
Where thou look'ſt through Infernal Shrowds,
On all above, as in the Clouds,
There ſtretch'd on Hammock thou doſt make,
Strains ſcarcely prove thou art awake,
Till Laundreſs brings, to dreſs for Dinner,
Thy Shirt, than Lawn of Cobweb thinner,
So tender that a murder'd F———t,
The Back from Front wou'd quickly part,
Your Doublet next, with care you raiſe,
Was Militant in *Oliver's* Days;
Then † *Hoſe* which ſhew, (they are ſo thin)
The Wiſe Philoſopher within;
Toledo ruſty, laſt is ry'd,
With Packthread to thy Deſp'rate Side:
Equipp'd thus out thou marcheſt forth,
Affront'ſt the *Gods*, and all of Worth,
When one poor Meal wou'd turn the Farce,
And make thee kiſs *Apollo's* A——.

Yet we'll allow your preſent ſtrains,
Confeſs, you have Regal'd your Brains,
And that you had good luck to dine,
By Ember Fire, on Snuffs of Wine;
Which you coud not forbear to brag on,
As if you had drunk a Whole Flaggon.
Therefore to ſhew in Tavern once,
You had thus Bright'ned up your Sconce,
You gravely ask us, if we did know,
Why *Fire expiring's* call'd a *Widow*.

† *The Word formerly uſed for Breeches.*

Which ſince ſo wiſely you advance, Sir,
We will return as wiſe an Anſwer.

When Jovial Boys in Froſty Weather,
Round Mounting Flames are met together,
And Glaſſes toſs (their juſt Profeſſion)
To *ANN* and *HANNOVER SUCCESSION*.
While Fuel Flames, and Wine revives,
They ſeem as Marry'd for their Lives,
But when the Wine has loſt its force
In Mirth, and Fire decays by courſe,
They n'more the Marriage Rites purſue,
But th' *WIDOW* leave for *ſuch as you*.

Q. *From whence this Saying firſt aroſe,*
*Ye* Phœbeans, *Pray, unfold,*
*'Twill do in Verſe as well as Proſe,*
*Tho' in the laſt 'tis told;*
*Sum the Account and 'twill be ſeen.*
There is at utmoſt, but
An Hour in one whole Day between,
A Houſewife and a Slut.

*A.* The meaning of the Proverb is,
That they who Lazey are,
And thence do ev'ry thing amiſs,
'Thout Providence or Care;
If but a little Pains they'd take,
Their Houſes wou'd ſhew Neat,
And they moſt Exc'llent Houſewifes make,
In ev'ry thing Compleat.

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*SIR,*

THE Letters from the Camp before Aire, October the 27. Adviſe that all things are in a readineſs at the Attack on the ſide of St. Quintin for attacking the Cover'd Way, but the ſame has been defer'd, that we may attack it at the ſame time on the ſide of Lambre, which will be done in a Day or two; that upoe advice that a great Convoy of 250 Boats laden with Ammunition to ſupply the Frontier Places, are arrived at Ghent from Holland, General Collyers with a great Detachment under his Command, is gone to encamp at Morſelle, between Menin and Ypres, to watch the Garriſon of the laſt Place, and other Detachments are poſted along the Lys for covering the Convoy aforeſaid; that on the 24th the Cardinal de Bovillon was elected Abbot of St. Amant, the Count Tilly having aſiſted in that Election on the part of the States.

Portſmouth,

Portſmouth, October the 21. The Day before Commodore Cornwall ſail'd with the outward bound Turkey Fleet to St. Hellens, in order to put to Sea the next Day if the Wind permitted.

Deal October the 22. Yeſterday Morning came in Sir Edward Whittaker in the Monmouth with the Yarmouth, Reſtauration, York, Defiance, Montague, Royal Ann Galley and Loo from cruſing on the Coaſt of Dunkirk. Here are alſo Her Majeſty's Ships Newark, Lancaſter, Southſea Caſtle and Cruſer. And juſt now came in Her Majeſty's Ship Colcheſter.

London, October, the 25th.

On Saturday the Right Honourable the Lord Athburnham was Married to a Daughter of the Duke of Ormond.

On Monday the Lieutenacy of this City went in a Body to Hampton Court, and preſenteed their adreſs to the Queen.

Which is all from Yours, &c.


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